

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Councilors Stephen Houglan and Kenneth Austin were absent. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor Henderson gave a brief invocation.

Announcements & Presentations

There were no announcements or presentations.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the April 7, 2014 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the minutes listed on the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introductions

Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-05 An Ordinance Approving a Resolution of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, and Annexing Certain Property Contiguous to the Franklin Corporate Limits (To be known as Custer Baker Annexation) – Mayor McGuinness read the title. Senior Planner Myers stated this was for introduction only tonight, and will be on the agenda May 5, 2014 for a public hearing. A discussion was held.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-05 An Additional Appropriation of Money from Fire Medic Fund 425 to Supplies 425-001-200 in the amount of \$68,534.15 - Fire Chief Henderson explained that the requested additional appropriation is to purchase Personal Protective Equipment and Water Rescue Suits for the fire fighters. This ordinance will be set for public hearing at the meeting to be held May 5, 2014. A discussion was held.

Tax Abatement Compliance Reports - Community Development Director Linke came forward and read the list of tax compliance reports that were approved by the EDC. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve the list presented by Ms. Linke, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Wertz handed out a packet of information concerning a proposal for the old City Hall building located at 55 W. Madison Street. He asked the members to contact him or Councilor Henderson with their thoughts about the proposal before the May 21, RDC meeting. He also stated that the RDC has been told that as of June 1, 2014, they will need the Council's approval before finalizing projects. City Attorney Gray stated this was in some of the information she heard at the IACT seminar for attorneys earlier this month. Ms. Gray gave an overview of other laws that will impact local government approved by the state legislature. A discussion was held.

Councilor Wertz asked Clerk-Treasurer Alexander to explain the circuit breaker information sent recently to Council Members. She replied by explaining that in a report received from the Department of Local Government Finance the City of Franklin's circuit breaker credit dropped from 2.6 million to 2.1 million this year. A discussion was held.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 4-28-14

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer